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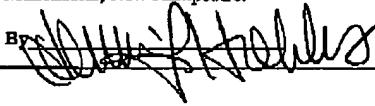
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This in response the first Official Action in this case mailed March 3, 2005. This response is being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, the Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any additional required fee.

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